



Congressman Kirk with Ambassador Oren

An Iran with nuclear weapons would represent a clear and present danger to U.S. national security. An Iranian bomb would set off a nuclear arms race and destabilize the Middle East. For Israel, it would present an existential threat to the future of the Jewish State. While the House recently passed the Frank-Kirk bill authorizing states and local governments to divest from Iran (I was deeply honored to receive [this letter](#) from Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu on this issue), time is running out. The Administration should enforce the Iran Sanctions Act -- and the House should move forward with our Iran Petroleum Sanctions Act (H.R. 2194). Without effective sanctions, diplomacy with Iran cannot succeed.

Yesterday, I met with Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, to discuss new ways to expand U.S.-Israel defense relations and curb Iran's nuclear ambitions. Democracies are best when they stick together. Standing together, the United States, Europe and Israel will overcome this threat and secure a lasting peace in the Middle East.